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Group Art Unit: 2182

Title: Interchangeable and Configurable Input / Output Module

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.63(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 12-28-2004.
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- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 Other _____

Enclosed:

Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 Other _____

Miscellaneous

- () Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(a) for a period of _____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

() Other _____

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